

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 167

By Clabough

A RESOLUTION To recognize Erin Henegar for earning the Girl Scout Gold Award.

WHEREAS, At a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Girl Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young ladies with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, Erin Henegar, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has earned the highest award a Girl Scout can attain, the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, The Girl Scout Gold Award honors girls who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to their communities and an outstanding dedication to achievement; and

WHEREAS, To attain the award, a Senior Girl Scout must earn four interest patches, the Senior Girl Scout Challenge pin, the Career Exploration pin, and the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, which requires a minimum of 30 hours of work involving leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, In addition to these seven recognitions, she must plan and carry out a Girl Scout Gold Award project, which requires at least 50 hours of work; and

WHEREAS, Gold Award recipients are eligible for special college scholarships, are recognized by the United States government, and have preferred status when applying for jobs with many prospective employers; and

WHEREAS, For her Gold Award project, Erin teamed with a sister Scout, Sarah Watson, to beautify a nature trail behind the historic Thompson-Brown House on Lamar Alexander Parkway; they first improved the trail, then collected donations of wildflowers from local nurseries, and planted the wildflowers with accompanying identification markers along the trail, so that visitors might better enjoy its natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, Erin also composed an informational brochure to improve the public's awareness of Tennessee's native wildflowers; due to her efforts, many people will be able to become better informed about the natural beauty of this State; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Mark and Gay Henegar, Erin is a Senior at Maryville High School; and she is an active participant in her school and her community; and

WHEREAS, Erin is a member of the Concert Band, Marching Band, Interact Club, and National Honor Society, and she has been honored by inclusion in *to Who's Who Among American High School Students* for four years; and

WHEREAS, A lover of the great outdoors, she teaches kayaking skills as a member of the CHOTA Canoe Club and East Tennessee Whitewater Club; she also volunteers with Keep Blount Beautiful; and

WHEREAS, Always eager to serve others by any means possible, Erin has participated in youth mission trips to Washington, D.C., Baltimore, and St. Petersburg; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Erin Henegar as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Erin Henegar for her meritorious service

to the State of Tennessee, congratulate her on her noteworthy achievement of the Girl Scout Gold Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.